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July 15, 2013 – (Dover, DE) – The Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA), in partnership with five local housing counseling agencies, is hosting “Keeping Your Home Afloat”, a Statewide Foreclosure Prevention Open House, on Monday, July 22nd from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Attendees will learn how the Making Home Affordable Program may be able to help them reduce the amount they owe on their mortgage. Homeowners who are “underwater”, or owe more than their homes are worth, are especially encouraged to come get more information about the MHA Program’s Principal Reduction Alternative.

“We are excited to be joining forces with our housing counseling partners to host this unique event,” said DSHA Director Anas Ben Addi. “Homeowners who are struggling with their mortgages can visit any one of six office locations throughout the State of Delaware to speak with a certified housing counselor, and learn more about their options under the Making Home Affordable Program. Almost 20,000 homeowners in Delaware currently owe more than their homes are worth, and may not even be aware that MHA offers a Principal Reduction Alternative that could help them to lower the amount they owe on their mortgage.”

“Keeping Your Home Afloat” is part of the Making Home Affordable Outreach and Intake Project, a collaborative effort between DSHA and First State Community Action Agency, Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware, Interfaith Community Housing of Delaware, NCALL Research, and the YWCA Center for Homeownership. Through this statewide network of service providers, homeowners seeking assistance with resolving or preventing a mortgage delinquency can find the resources they need while staying close to home.

“We thought it was incredibly important—for this event and the partnership’s ongoing efforts –to make sure that homeowners who need help can find it in multiple locations throughout the State,” said Karen Speakman, Deputy Director of NCALL Research. “We have been working diligently with DSHA to establish a statewide network of housing counseling and foreclosure prevention services that is accessible to all Delawareans.”

Homeowners interested in attending “Keeping Your Home Afloat” may visit one of the following locations:

New Castle County

Host: Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware
Community Services Building, Room 105
100 W. 10th Street
Wilmington, DE

Host: YWCA Delaware, Inc.
153 E. Chestnut Hill Road, Suite 102
Robscott Building
Newark,
DE

Kent County

Host: Interfaith Community Housing of Delaware
Dover Public Library
35 E. Loockerman Street
Dover, DE

Host: NCALL Research, Inc.
363 Saulsbury Road
Dover, DE

Sussex County

Host: First State Community Action Agency
308 N. Railroad Avenue
Georgetown, DE

Host: NCALL Research, Inc.
110 S. Bedford Street
Georgetown, DE

Housing counselors certified in foreclosure prevention and mortgage default counseling will be on hand at each location to answer questions about the Making Home Affordable Program Principal Reduction Alternative, and other relief options, from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

For more information about the Open House, and other related events in Delaware, please visit www.DelawareHomeownerRelief.com or call 1-800-220-5424.

About the Delaware State Housing Authority

The Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA), formed in 1968, is dedicated to providing quality, affordable housing

opportunities and appropriate supportive services to low- and moderate-income Delawareans. In addition to its role as the State's Housing Finance Agency, DSHA is unique in that it also serves as a Public Housing Authority and acts as a Community Development and Planning Agency. As a Public Housing Authority, DSHA receives funding from HUD to build, own, and operate public housing in Kent and Sussex counties, two of Delaware's three counties. For more information about the Delaware State Housing Authority, please call: (888) 363-8808 or visit our website at: www.destatehousing.com.

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